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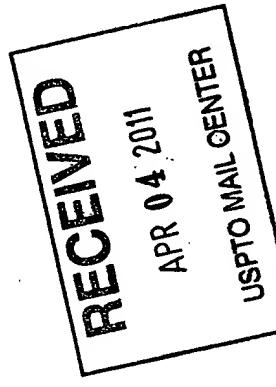
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: DECISION ON PETITION

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed on November 15, 2010, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent. The delay in responding is regretted.

Since the 7 1/2 year maintenance fee was submitted on November 15, 2010, which is prior to the expiration of the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the patent has not expired. In view thereof, a petition is not needed and is hereby DISMISSED AS UNNECESSARY.

The unintentional late payment surcharge of \$1,640 included with the petition is unnecessary and will be refunded by check. From the \$2880 included with the instant submission, \$1240 has been applied towards the Maintenance fee due at 7.5 years and \$65 has already been refunded by check.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at (571) 272-2783.

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